# Stay Informed!

## Products Issued by the National Weather Service

#### Winter Storm Watch:

\* Issued when there is a possibility for severe winter weather in approximately 12 to 48 hours. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

#### Winter Weather Advisory:

- Issued in advance of winter weather events that may cause significant inconvenience, but are not life-threatening if caution is exercised. Events include:
  - ✓ 3 to 6 inches of snow with sustained winds less than 20 mph
  - ✓ A mix of freezing and frozen precipitation
  - ✓ Blowing snow intermittently reducing visibilities to  $< \frac{1}{2}$  mile
  - ✓ Drifting snow that closes roads
  - ✓ Sleet accumulations  $> \frac{1}{2}$  inch
  - ✓ Accumulations of freezing rain or freezing drizzle >½ inch

### Winter Storm Warning:

- Issued in advance of winter weather events that may result in death, injury, or significant damage. Events include:
  - ✓ More than 6 inches of snow in < 12 hours
  - ✓ 8 inches or more of snow within a 24 hour period
  - ✓ A significant mix of freezing and frozen precipitation (e.g. several inches of snow with freezing rain)
  - ✓ 3 to 6 inches of snow with sustained winds/ frequent gusts > 20 mph

## **Blizzard Warning:**

Issued when the forecast calls for sustained winds or frequent gusts near 35 mph or more, and considerable falling and/or blowing snow which frequently reducing visibilities to near 1/4 mile or less, for 3 hours or more.

### **Ice Storm Warning:**

Issued when freezing rain is forecast to produce a significant coating of ice, typically > 1/4 inch thick